

Chief's Message

The community of Woodburn Oregon is a very special place, not only because of the matchless beauty of the Willamette Valley where it is located, but because of the citizens who live here and who frequently demonstrate their resolute support for the men and women of the Woodburn Police Department. Through difficulty or success our citizens have always been at our side.

The Woodburn Police Department traces its roots to 1889 when Amos Beach was sworn in as the first Town Marshall wearing a gold six pointed star, which had been made by his friends, for the purpose of protecting and serving the citizens of the newly formed community. Today, over 120 years later, the department remains committed to serving our friends, the residents of Woodburn.

Key to the success of this service is the maintenance of our own standards and ethics, which can only be maintained through commitment to basic values. Our six **Core Values** are designed to provide our members with guidance on how to provide quality service to our residents and how we expect to conduct ourselves: Three of the core values look inwardly to what we strive for within ourselves; **Integrity**, **Courage**, and **Pride**. Three look outwardly to what we desire to provide to the public; **Respect**, **Accountability**, and **Service**.

Mindful of these core values we endeavor to fulfill our mission, as stated in our **Mission Statement**:

“The Woodburn Police Department strives to be a leader in law enforcement by: providing continuous and innovative improvement in service to our community, building partnerships, and valuing our members.”

Today the Woodburn Police Department seeks to meet the challenges of policing in the 21st century by engaging our community partners to help us solve problems at their point of origin through both traditional and non-traditional law enforcement. At the same time we must always be prepared to serve mankind by; safeguarding lives and property; protecting all persons against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Russell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott D. Russell, Chief of Police